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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING REPORT:

-- HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM EXPORTS. TAKING AN ACTION THAT WILL PLEASE OUR CLOSE ALLIES AND TRADING PARTNERS, THE PRESIDENT APPROVED EIGHT PENDING EXPORTS OF HIGHLY-ENRICHED URANIUM TO CANADA, BELGIUM, GERMANY, JAPAN AND FRANCE BEFORE LEAVING FOR LONDON. DELAYS IN THESE EXPORTS, OCCASIONED BY OUR REVIEW OF NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, LED TO EXPRESSIONS OF HIGH-LEVEL CONCERN ON THE PART OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

-- THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL NOW FORWARD THE NECESSARY EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE THE RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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QUIRED LICENSES PROMPTLY. THE NATIONS CONCERNED WERE ADVISED OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION THIS MORNING THROUGH THEIR EMBASSIES HERE. WE HAVE ALSO INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSIES TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN CAPITALS.

-- REORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA). WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A JOINT STATE-USIA

COMMITTEE TO TAKE A HARD AND PROMPT LOOK AT THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF U.S. PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES ABROAD, INCLUDING CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND BROADCASTING. THERE IS A WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT REORGANIZATION COULD IMPROVE THE CONDUCT OF AMERICAN "PUBLIC DIPLOMACY", BUT THERE IS NO CONSENSUS ON HOW TO REORGANIZE.

-- IN THE CONGRESS, SENATOR PERCY HAS INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE 1975 RECOMMENDATIONS OF A COMMISSION HEADED BY FRANK STANTON. STANTON RECOMMENDED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT BE THE SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD; THAT THE VOICE OF AMERICA BE REESTABLISHED AS A SEPARATE AGENCY; AND THAT A NEW AGENCY BE ESTABLISHED TO MANAGE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES. TODAY, THE MCGOVERN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE PERCY PROPOSAL AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION BILL. WHEN THE ISSUE COMES BEFORE THE FULL COMMITTEE, WE HOPE TO PERSUADE THE MEMBERS THAT THIS WOULD PREMATURELY TIE THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY AND THAT THEY SHOULD WAIT FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. WE PLAN TO HAVE THEM READY BY THE END OF MAY.

-- MARINE OIL POLLUTION INITIATIVE. FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S MARCH 17 MESSAGE ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION, WE PRESENTED HIS PROGRAM TO THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCY WHERE SUCH PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED
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NAMELY, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO), ON APRIL 18-22. THE COMMITTEE AGREED GENERALLY ON THE NEED TO IMPROVE VESSEL INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND CREW STANDARDS, AND WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ULTIMATELY ACHIEVING RESULTS IN THOSE AREAS. HOWEVER, MANY DELEGATES FROM MAJOR MARITIME NATIONS EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT MORE STRINGENT CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT STANDARDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ARAB STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTED OUR PROPOSALS IN THIS LATTER AREA. OUR DELEGATION STRESSED THAT WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES, PROVIDED THESE WILL ACHIEVE THE SAME DEGREE OF PROTECTION.

-- AT OUR URGING, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE IMCO COUNCIL THAT A CONFERENCE BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION MEASURES OUTLINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE. WE EXPECT THE COUNCIL TO ACT FAVORABLY ON THIS RECOMMENDATION LATER THIS MONTH.

-- SEMINAR FOR NEW AMBASSADORS. WE HAVE JUST CONCLUDED THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST TWO-DAY SEMINAR FOR NEW AMBASSADORS AND THEIR WIVES. AMBASSADORS ALSTON, CHAMBERS, BREWSTER, GOHEEN, MANSFIELD, LEMELLE AND LEWIS PARTICIPATED. THE SEMINAR, WHICH COVERED THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EMBASSIES AND THE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF AMBASSADORS, WAS CHAIRED BY ONE OF OUR MOST EXPERIENCED RETIRED CAREER AMBASSADORS, DEAN BROWN. BOTH WE AND THE PARTICIPANTS WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS EXPERIMENT.

-- PAKISTAN. IN HIS FIGHT FOR POLITICAL SURVIVAL, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS BEEN CHARGING U.S. SUPPORT FOR HIS OPPOSITION (THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE) AND INTERFERENCE BY US IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THOSE ALLEGATIONS WERE REPEATED IN A LETTER FROM BHUTTO TO CY DELIVERED HERE YESTERDAY. WE DOUBT THAT BHUTTO REALLY
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WANTS AN IRREVERSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITH US, BUT HE SEEMS QUITE WILLING TO TRADE THE SHORT-RUN ADVANTAGES OF A NATIONALISTIC CAMPAIGN FOR THE POSSIBLE LONG-TERM EFFECTS ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. HIS OPTIONS ARE FEW.

-- IN LIGHT OF THE UNCERTAIN SITUATION WITHIN PAKISTAN, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEVISE STRATEGY BEYOND THE SHORT-TERM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REJECT BHUTTO'S STATEMENTS ON U.S. INTERFERENCE BUT AVOID, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, ANY PUBLIC CONFRONTATION. BY OUR ACTIONS, WE WANT TO COMMUNICATE TO BHUTTO THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MAINTAIN A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN. WHETHER THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE IS UP TO BHUTTO. IN ADDITION TO GETTING THIS ACROSS TO HIM DIRECTLY, WE ARE WORKING THROUGH COUNTRIES IMPORTANT TO PAKISTAN SUCH AS IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND CHINA.

-- IN THIS FRAMEWORK, WE WILL PERMIT SHIPMENT OF MILITARY ITEMS (OTHER THAN RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT) WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ORDERED AND APPROVED FOR SALE BUT HOLD UP THE ONLY PENDING ITEM, \$52.3 MILLION WORTH OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. CONSIDERATION OF ANY NEW MILITARY ORDERS WILL BE STRETCHED OUT AND CAREFULLY REVIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE ONGOING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

-- YUGOSLAV NUCLEAR REACTOR. OUR DIFFERENCES WITH THE TITO GOVERNMENT OVER THE EXPORT OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR YUGOSLAVIA PURCHASED FROM WESTINGHOUSE HAVE BECOME AN IRRITANT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN ORDER TO LICENSE

THE SHIPMENT OF THE REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL UNDER OUR
CURRENT EXPORT CRITERIA, WE NEED ASSURANCES THAT YUGOSLA-
VIA WILL NOT RE-EXPORT U.S.-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT AND
MATERIALS AND THAT WE WILL HAVE CONTROL OVER THE DISPOSI-
TION OF THE FUEL BURNED IN THE REACTOR. YUGOSLAVIA
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VIEWS THESE REQUIREMENTS AS EVIDENCE THAT WE (ALONG WITH
OTHER NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS) ARE APPLYING DISCRIMINATORY
AND RETROACTIVE CONDITIONS ON OUR NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO NON-
SUPPLIER COUNTRIES.

-- IN AN EFFORT TO BRIDGE OUR DIFFERENCES, WE CABLED A
LETTER FROM CY TO YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC
YESTERDAY. THE LETTER INCLUDES NEW PROPOSALS THAT WE
HOPE WILL MAKE IT MORE PALATABLE FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO PRO-
VIDE THE REQUIRED ASSURANCES. IT ALSO PLACES OUR RE-
QUESTS IN THE BROAD FRAMEWORK OF THE PRESIDENT'S NON-
PROLIFERATION POLICY AND OFFERS TO SEND A TEAM TO YUGO-
SLAVIA TO DISCUSS OUR NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS. WE ARE
HOPEFUL THAT THIS MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED BEFORE YOU VISIT
BELGRADE AND ARE WORKING TO THAT END.

-- U.S. EMISSARIES TO KOREA. WE HAVE SENT A MESSAGE
TO SEOUL INFORMING PARK THAT THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO
SEND JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN AND PHIL HABIB TO SEOUL LATER
THIS MONTH TO BEGIN FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE U.S. GROUND
FORCE WITHDRAWAL. WE HAVE PROPOSED MAY 24-27 FOR THE
VISIT. AFTER GETTING PRESIDENT PARK'S AGREEMENT ON THE
DATES, WE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY IN TOUCH WITH THE JAPANESE,
OFFERING TO HAVE THE EMISSARIES VISIT TOKYO IMMEDIATELY
AFTER SEOUL. WE HAVE ALSO ALERTED AMBASSADOR SNEIDER THAT
HABIB WILL BE CONVEYING PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT PARK OUR
CONCERN ABOUT THE KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. CHRISTOPHER

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